

Docket No. 242768US90CONT
 IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yasutaka ITO, et al.
 SERIAL NO: 10/663,681
 FILED: September 17, 2003
 FOR: SEMICONDUCTOR PRODUCTION DEVICE CERAMIC PLATE



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Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment (9 pp.) in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required
- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- Additional documents filed herewith:
 - Search in issued U.S. patent abstracts for "wafer prober"
 - Search in issued U.S. patent abstracts for "wafer prover"
 - Google search for "wafer prober"
 - Google search for "wafer prover"
 - U.S. Patent No. 4,934,064
 - U.S. Patent No. 5,773,951
 - Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97
 - List of Related Cases
 - Cited Pending Applications (2)

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the application identified above as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.